

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

April 2007

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended April 21, 2007, there were 494,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan during April 2007, a decrease of 300 from March 2007 but 14,400 more than the number employed in April 2006.

Agricultural employment was 43,500 persons in April 2007, up 2,700 from the March 2007 level but 2,800 less than the April 2006 agricultural employment level of 46,300. Non-agricultural employment was 450,900 persons in April 2007. This is a decrease of 3,000 from the March 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 453,900 but 17,200 more than April 2006.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2007 was 4.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2007 rate of 4.2 percent but 0.9 percentage points lower than the April 2006 level of 5.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force was unchanged from March 2007 at 516,600 persons in April 2007. This is 10,300 more than the April 2006 labour force of 506,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate also remained constant with March 2007 at 69.0 percent in April 2007. The April 2006 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.8 percent.

There were 22,200 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2007. This is an increase of 400 from March 2007 but is 4,100 less than the number unemployed in April 2006.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 502,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2007, down 1,800 from the March 2007 level of 504,400 but is up 14,300 from the April 2006 employment level of 488,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2007 was 3.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the March 2007 rate of 3.8 percent but 0.8 percentage points lower than the April 2006 rate of 4.7 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 63,200 persons in April 2007 to 16,575,700 persons from 16,512,500 persons in March 2007. In April 2006, there were 16,195,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 6.3 percent from the March 2007 level of 6.5 percent. In April 2006, Canada's unemployment rate 6.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in April 2007. This is unchanged from March 2007 and 0.3 percentage points lower than the April 2006 level of 6.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	April 2007	March 2007	April 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	17,699.4	17,663.0	17,334.5	36.4	364.9
Employed ('000)	16,575.7	16,512.5	16,195.9	63.2	379.8
Full-Time ('000)	13,410.1	13,293.2	13,141.4	116.9	268.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,165.6	3,219.3	3,054.5	-53.7	111.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,123.7	1,150.5	1,138.6	-26.8	-14.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.5	6.6	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.1	6.4	0.0	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.8	66.4	0.1	0.5
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	516.6	516.6	506.3	0.0	10.3
Employed ('000)	494.4	494.7	480.0	-0.3	14.4
Full-Time ('000)	393.1	389.8	388.7	3.3	4.4
Part-Time ('000)	101.4	104.9	91.2	-3.5	10.2
Unemployed ('000)	22.2	21.8	26.3	0.4	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.2	5.2	0.1	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	3.8	4.7	0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.0	67.8	0.0	1.2
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	1,997.7	1,988.4	1,889.4	9.3	108.3
Employed ('000)	1,927.9	1,921.3	1,821.5	6.6	106.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,600.5	1,592.0	1,511.0	8.5	89.5
Part-Time ('000)	327.4	329.4	310.4	-2.0	17.0
Unemployed ('000)	69.8	67.1	68.0	2.7	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.4	3.6	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	3.4	3.6	3.5	-0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	73.2	72.2	0.1	1.1
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Labour Force ('000)	618.9	613.6	612.3	5.3	6.6
Employed ('000)	587.0	585.8	582.1	1.2	4.9
Full-Time ('000)	463.0	455.8	463.0	7.2	0.0
Part-Time ('000)	124.0	130.0	119.1	-6.0	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	27.8	30.3	4.1	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.5	4.9	0.7	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	4.3	4.7	0.5	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.5	68.7	0.5	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2
SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>April 2007</u>	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	516.6	516.6	506.3	0.0	10.3
Male	275.9	274.0	273.3	1.9	2.6
Female	240.7	242.6	233.0	-1.9	7.7
15-24 Years of Age	94.5	94.6	89.9	-0.1	4.6
25+ Years of age	422.1	422.0	416.4	0.1	5.7
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	494.4	494.7	480.0	-0.3	14.4
Male	261.9	259.9	255.9	2.0	6.0
Female	232.5	234.9	224.1	-2.4	8.4
15-24 Years of Age	86.7	87.9	81.2	-1.2	5.5
25+ Years of age	407.7	406.9	398.8	0.8	8.9
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	22.2	21.8	26.3	0.4	-4.1
Male	13.9	14.1	17.4	-0.2	-3.5
Female	8.2	7.8	9.0	0.4	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	7.8	6.7	8.8	1.1	-1.0
25+ Years of age	14.4	15.1	17.6	-0.7	-3.2
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.3	4.2	5.2	0.1	-0.9
Male	5.0	5.1	6.4	-0.1	-1.4
Female	3.4	3.2	3.9	0.2	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	8.3	7.1	9.8	1.2	-1.5
25+ Years of age	3.4	3.6	4.2	-0.2	-0.8
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.0	69.0	67.8	0.0	1.2
Male	74.7	74.3	74.2	0.4	0.5
Female	63.4	64.0	61.6	-0.6	1.8
15-24 Years of Age	68.8	68.9	65.1	-0.1	3.7
25+ Years of age	69.1	69.1	68.4	0.0	0.7

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TABLE 3
SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	April <u>2007</u>	March <u>2007</u>	April <u>2006</u>	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	43.5	40.8	46.3	2.7	-2.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	20.0	22.7	19.0	-2.7	1.0
Utilities	3.5	3.7	4.7	-0.2	-1.2
Construction	28.4	28.5	27.0	-0.1	1.4
Manufacturing	30.1	29.1	28.7	1.0	1.4
Trade	85.6	85.1	80.6	0.5	5.0
Transportation and Warehousing	23.8	24.1	26.6	-0.3	-2.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.1	25.7	25.5	0.4	0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.0	20.4	18.2	0.6	2.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	9.4	10.1	13.0	-0.7	-3.6
Educational Services	42.3	46.3	39.4	-4.0	2.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	61.8	60.6	58.8	1.2	3.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.3	18.4	19.0	-0.1	-0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	30.0	29.9	27.8	0.1	2.2
Other Services	23.0	22.8	19.9	0.2	3.1
Public Administration	27.6	26.6	25.4	1.0	2.2
Total	494.4	494.7	480.0	-0.3	14.4
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	393.1	389.8	388.7	3.3	4.4
Part-Time	101.4	104.9	91.2	-3.5	10.2
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	400.4	403.0	385.3	-2.6	15.1
Public Sector	122.9	125.3	120.4	-2.4	2.5
Private Sector	277.5	277.7	264.9	-0.2	12.6
Self-Employed	94.0	91.7	94.7	2.3	-0.7

TABLE 4
CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>April 2007</u>	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,575.7	16,512.5	16,195.9	63.2	379.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	207.7	203.6	202.6	4.1	5.1
Prince Edward Island	65.8	65.4	64.8	0.4	1.0
Nova Scotia	442.5	433.2	436.4	9.3	6.1
New Brunswick	349.9	345.2	345.4	4.7	4.5
Quebec	3,785.4	3,753.5	3,674.4	31.9	111.0
Ontario	6,489.2	6,463.8	6,419.6	25.4	69.6
Manitoba	587.0	585.8	582.1	1.2	4.9
Saskatchewan	494.4	494.7	480.0	-0.3	14.4
Alberta	1,927.9	1,921.3	1,821.5	6.6	106.4
British Columbia	2,225.9	2,245.8	2,169.1	-19.9	56.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	6.3	6.5	6.6	-0.2	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.5	16.1	18.9	-0.6	-3.4
Prince Edward Island	13.0	12.8	14.6	0.2	-1.6
Nova Scotia	8.9	9.1	8.8	-0.2	0.1
New Brunswick	8.8	8.3	10.7	0.5	-1.9
Quebec	7.6	8.2	8.7	-0.6	-1.1
Ontario	6.6	7.0	6.1	-0.4	0.5
Manitoba	5.2	4.5	4.9	0.7	0.3
Saskatchewan	4.3	4.2	5.2	0.1	-0.9
Alberta	3.5	3.4	3.6	0.1	-0.1
British Columbia	4.6	3.9	4.6	0.7	0.0

TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS
(3 Month Moving Average)

	Feb-Apr 2007	Jan-Mar 2007	Feb-Apr 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES					
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.3	7.8	9.0	-0.5	-1.7
Halifax	5.2	4.9	5.6	0.3	-0.4
Saint John	4.2	5.1	6.6	-0.9	-2.4
Quebec	5.4	6.0	5.8	-0.6	-0.4
Montreal	7.1	7.8	9.4	-0.7	-2.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.2	5.5	4.9	-0.3	0.3
Greater Sudbury	5.4	5.8	8.0	-0.4	-2.6
Toronto	6.8	6.7	6.4	0.1	0.4
Winnipeg	5.0	4.9	5.1	0.1	-0.1
Regina	4.2	4.3	5.3	-0.1	-1.1
Saskatoon	4.1	4.0	5.1	0.1	-1.0
Calgary	3.3	3.5	2.9	-0.2	0.4
Edmonton	3.3	3.5	3.9	-0.2	-0.6
Vancouver	3.7	3.7	4.3	0.0	-0.6
Victoria	3.1	3.1	3.5	0.0	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	149.2	149.3	141.8	-0.1	7.4
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.3	54.4	53.6	-0.1	0.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	160.3	160.2	150.0	0.1	10.3
Yorkton-Melville	40.2	39.4	40.4	0.8	-0.2
Prince Albert & Northern	89.9	90.4	89.6	-0.5	0.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**
(3 Month Moving Average)

	Feb-Apr <u>2007</u>	Jan-Mar <u>2007</u>	Feb-Apr <u>2006</u>	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	514.4	514.6	501.9	-0.2	12.5
Employed ('000)	492.1	491.7	473.2	0.4	18.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.3	22.9	28.7	-0.6	-6.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.5	5.7	-0.2	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.8	67.2	0.0	1.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.8	65.8	63.4	0.0	2.4
NON-aboriginal					
Labour Force ('000)	476.3	476.5	464.3	-0.2	12.0
Employed ('000)	458.4	458.0	442.2	0.4	16.2
Unemployed ('000)	18.0	18.4	22.0	-0.4	-4.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.9	4.7	-0.1	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.2	67.4	0.0	1.8
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.6	64.2	0.0	2.4
aboriginal					
Labour Force ('000)	38.1	38.1	37.6	0.0	0.5
Employed ('000)	33.7	33.7	31.0	0.0	2.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.4	4.5	6.6	-0.1	-2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	11.7	17.6	-0.2	-6.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	64.2	64.7	-0.2	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	56.6	56.7	53.3	-0.1	3.3
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	15.0	15.2	14.8	-0.2	0.2
Employed ('000)	13.2	13.3	10.7	-0.1	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	1.8	1.8	4.1	0.0	-2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	12.1	27.5	-0.4	-15.8
Participation Rate (%)	55.5	56.3	56.0	-0.8	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	49.0	49.5	40.6	-0.5	8.4
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Labour Force ('000)	23.0	22.9	22.8	0.1	0.2
Employed ('000)	20.4	20.3	20.3	0.1	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	11.2	11.2	-0.1	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	70.7	71.9	0.2	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	63.0	62.7	63.8	0.3	-0.8

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July).
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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